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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Steven M. HOWDLE et al. )  
Application No. 10/506,618 ) Art Unit: 1615  
Filed: December 7, 2004 ) Examiner: Caralynne Helm  
For: **POLYMER COMPOSITION WITH** )  
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**DEPOSITION MANNER** )

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENTS**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Office Action mailed December 8, 2008 in connection with the above-identified application.

In response to the restriction requirements set forth in the Office Action applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 25-27, 29, 33, 37, 39, 40, 42, 45, 49, 53, 55, and 56) with traverse. In response to the election of species requirements, applicants elect species A ("dissolved/dispersed deposition by immersion") and further elect "drugs and pharmaceutical products" from claim 39.

The grounds for imposing the restriction requirement - notwithstanding the requirements of PCT Rule 13.1 - is the allegation under PCT Rule 13.2 that the groups of inventions identified by the Examiner "lack the same or corresponding special technical